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Some of the soldiers—I cut off hands and feet.
Others—I cut off nose, ears, fingers.
Some—I put out the eyes.
I made a pyramid of heads.
I strung heads on trees circling the town.

When I got through with it
There wasn't much left of the town of Tela.

BILBEA

Shamash,
If he knows copper hair
And blood-flower lips,
Shamash watches you
For my sake.

Bilbea, I was in Babylon on Saturday night.
I saw nothing of you anywhere.
I was at the old place and the other girls were there,
But no Bilbea.

Have you gone to another house? or city?
Why don't you write?
I was sorry—I walked home half-sick.

Tell me how it goes.
Send me some kind of a letter.
And take care of yourself.

Carl Sandburg